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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph at page 28, line 11 with the following amended paragraph.

As best shown in Figs. 12-13, a preferred glove 400, particularly useful as a work glove including gardening, is provided for the right human hand. The glove 400 outlined in phantom lines, includes a palmar side panel 402 and a dorsal side panel 404. The two panels are generally stitched together along their outer periphery as indicated by the numeral 401 and are sized to define a plurality of finger stalls and a thumb stall. The finger stalls are identified by the numerals 410 for the index finger, 412 for the long finger, 414 for the ring finger and 416 for the small finger. The thumb stall is identified as 408. The glove 400 is also provided with an opening 403 to receive the human hand therein. The glove panels 402, 404 are made of any suitable material known in the art, such as leather, or the like. Along the bottom portion of the palmar side panel 402 is attached at least a palmar protective padding 424 which overlies at least the distal halves of the index finger and long finger metacarpals 32 and 33, respectively, and may include the metacarpals 34 and 35 of the ring finger and the little finger also. In a preferred embodiment, an ulnar protective pad 422 is provided along the thumb stall at a location adapted to be along an ulnar border of the thumb proximal phalanx 41 between the metacarpalphalangeal joint 36 and the interphalangeal joint 46 as well as a thumb A2 pulley protective padding 423 disposed along the thumb stall of the thumb proximal phalanx 41 between the metacarpalphalangeal joint 36 and the interphalangeal joint 46. Padding 423 is below the center axis of rotation of the

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interphalangeal joint 46. Even though padding 422 and 423 are shown as separate padding it is realized that padding 422, 423 may be unitary. Additional padding 426 may also be provided to cover the proximal phalanx 42 above the metacarpalphalangeal joint 37 and below the center axis of rotation of the interphalangeal joint 47. Other padding may also include shock absorbing padding 427, 428 and 429 which are placed over the proximal phalanxes 43, 44 and 45 of the long finger [{412}] 66, the ring finger [{414}] 67, and the small finger [{416}] 68, respectively. The padding will be positioned above the metacarpalphalangeal joints 38, 39 and 40, respectively, and below the center axis of rotation of 30 the proximal interphalangeal joints 48, 49 and 50, respectively. Even additional shock absorbing padding may be placed over the middle phalanxes 52, 53, 54 and 55 and identified as 436, 437,, 438 and 439, respectively. The paddings 436, 437, 438 and 439 are positioned above the proximal interphalangeal joints 47, 48, 49 and 50 and below the center axis of rotation of the distal interphalangeal joints as indicated by the numerals 56, 57, 58 and 59, respectively. The protective shock absorbing padding being placed in the aforementioned anatomically designed fashion protects the pulleys and tendons of the fingers and thumb while leaving the center axis of rotation of the appropriate joints free. This enables the movement of the fingers and thumb without adverse effects when in use.